

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64  
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A RESOLUTION to designate February 23, 2005 as "Rotary International Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, service organizations have a rich history of benevolence to society and offering comfort and assistance to the less fortunate; service organizations serve a vital role in American society and serve as a testament to the virtues of integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, was the world's first nonprofit service organizations in existence and remains one of the largest; and

WHEREAS, with a membership of more than 1.2 million professional and business leaders, Rotary International has more than 31,000 clubs spread throughout over 165 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Rotarian motto of "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary International launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, worldwide polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and humanity now stands on the threshold of the eradication of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars since 1947; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, each year, 8,000 secondary-school students experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize Rotary International and the integral role the organization plays in addressing such issues as poverty, health, hunger, and illiteracy throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to take this golden opportunity to honor and recognize Rotary International and every Rotary Club in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that February 23, 2005, is hereby designated as "Rotary International Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body encourages the citizens of Tennessee join with the General Assembly in recognizing Rotary International for 100 years of serviced to humanity and in celebrating this special occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.